

The ANSGAR LUTHERAN



Going to Church on Pentecost, June 6

News and Notes

Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd Neve and their three children expect to arrive in New York June 7th from Japan, and we bid them a hearty welcome home. At the convention in Audubon, Iowa, Pastor Neve will speak both Friday and Saturday evenings, June 18-19, and Mrs. Neve will speak at the WMS banquet Saturday evening. From Audubon the Neves will go to the west coast in order to visit Mrs. Neve's parents. Monday, June 21st, Pastor Neve will speak at Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo., and in the evening at First Lutheran Church. The following days the itinerary will be as follows:

June 23, 8:00 p.m. Our Saviour's
Oakland, Calif.
June 24, 10:00 a.m. Our Saviour's
D.V.B.S.
June 24, 1:30 p.m. ... Ansgar Lutheran
San Francisco
June 24, 8:00 p.m. Elim Lutheran
Petaluma
June 25, 10:00 a.m. Our Saviour's
D.V.B.S.
June 25, 8:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran
Castro Valley
June 27, a.m. Laurel Ave. Methodist
June 27, 7:00 p.m. Our Saviour's
Oakland

After that the Neves will visit the Los Angeles and Fresno areas. About July 5th Pastor Neve will visit congregations in the midwest until Aug. 9. **Please send invitations to him SOON.** His address June 7-10 will be % Prof. Paul Neve, 193 Larch Ave., Teaneck, N. J. After that and until June 20th: Lutheran Convention, Audubon, Iowa. Aug. 9-14 Pastor Neve will speak at the Okoboji Bible Camp; Aug. 15-21 he will attend the Assembly in Evanston, Ill.; Aug. 28-Sept. 3 he will speak at the Ashram at Interlochen, Mich., and shortly after that he will attend Union Seminary in New York for one year.

During the summer months of 1955 Pastor Neve hopes to go to those congregations he has not visited earlier.
—Paul Nyholm.

Westby, Mont. Emmaus Lutheran Church. Sunday, April 11th was a special occasion when two gifts to the church were dedicated—a beautiful aisle carpet donated by Mrs. P. C. Petersen and family in memory of Mr. P. C. Petersen who passed away July 24,

1952, and Mrs. Arthur Christensen and family donated the useful hymnbook racks in memory of Mr. Arthur Christensen who passed away May 22nd, 1953. These gifts beautify our church very much.

This winter the church had considerable work done. The floor has been refinished, the work being donated by the congregation and expenses taken care of by the Sewing Circle. The dining room was also painted.

Our pastor was gone for about ten days when he was called to Standard, Alberta, Canada, due to the illness of his mother who passed away Mar. 8th.

During the winter months we had Bible study every other week and during Lent we had service once a week.

Fremont, Nebr. The Bluffs Trinity congregation will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary June 13 and 14. All former pastors and members have been invited to attend and participate in the festivities. Pastors E. R. Andersen, Racine, Wisconsin; James C. Peterson, Salt Lake City, Utah; N. B. Hansen, Hutchinson, Minnesota; F. G. Rasmussen, Pasadena, California; and M. C. Hagedorn, Detroit, Michigan, plan to be present and preach.

Bluffs Trinity was organized in June 1879 by the Rev. H. Hansen who organized many of the congregations in the Nebraska District. The first pastor called was the Rev. A. M. Andersen who served the congregation while living at Argo, Nebr. From 1885 to 1945, Bluffs Trinity shared pastor with First Lutheran Church of Fremont. Since then a new parsonage has been built and the congregation calls its own pastor.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services and meetings on Sunday and Monday preceding the synodical convention.

The Rev. Andrew P. Staby is pastor of the church.

Miss Helen Jacobsen is at present touring the Iowa District, speaking about the Sudan Mission in Africa where she is missionary. She went out in 1942. The Sudan Mission, with which we cooperate, was started in 1913 by missionaries from Denmark. The mission now has 8,000 baptized people, and it is working in 250 villages.

District Meetings of the U.E.L.C.
North Dakota-Montana District
June 10-13...Luverne, North Dakota
West Canada District
August 5-8.....Dickson, Alberta
Atlantic District
September 2-5.....Falmouth, Maine
Iowa District
September 9-12....Storm Lake, Iowa
Nebraska District
September 23-26 Fremont Bluffs, Nebraska
Pacific District
October 14-17.....Eugene, Oregon
Minnesota District
October 7-10 Edina, Mpls., Minnesota

Trufant, Mich. The Tabitha Ladies Aid and Mission Society of St. Thon Evan. Lutheran Church held a birthday party for all their members their May meeting, in the church basement. Forty-five members and friends attended. President Mrs. Betty M. sen welcomed those attending the party. The program consisted of a scripture verse for each month with readings, solos or poems presented each month. The tables were decorated depicting each month of the year.

The project for this year is for each member to secure one new member. It is hoped that this goal may be achieved so that growth and achievement may continue for His kingdom through this Aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wahlgren and their two children expect to leave Sudan June 23rd. This will be their second term in Sudan. Mr. Wahlgren has completed one year of theology. Blair, Nebr., the past year. These two and Miss Helen Jacobsen and Margaret Nissen are our synod's missionaries in Sudan. The work is supervised and conducted by Danish Sudan Mission Society in Denmark from where the greater number of missionaries are sent.

The Editor Receives Degree. The Doctor of Divinity Degree was conferred on your editor by the Wartburg Theological Seminary of the American Lutheran Church at its commencement June 2nd at Dubuque, Iowa.

The Ansgar Lutheran had a small loss the past year of \$178.55. This is the smallest loss we have had for years. We are happy for that. However,

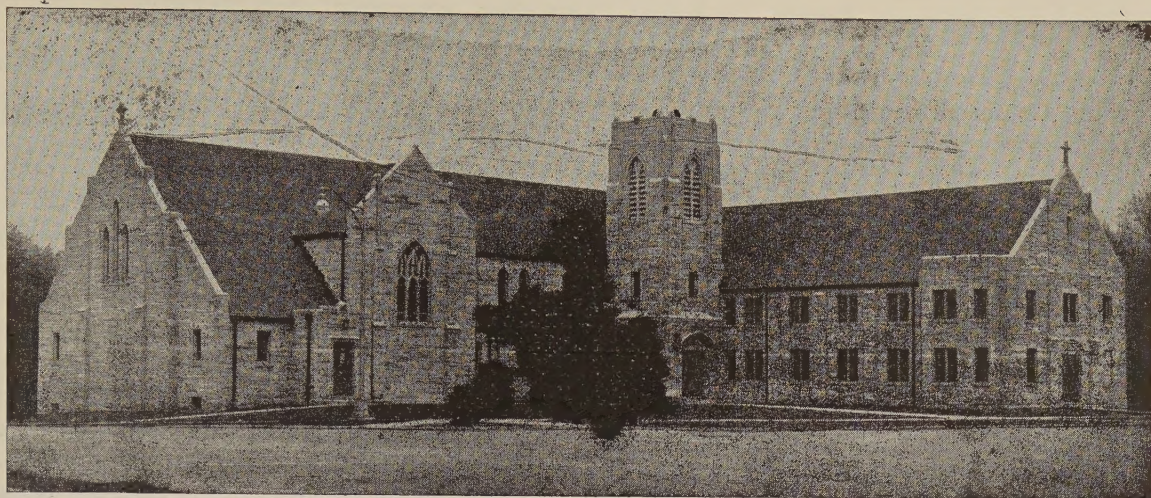
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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION CHURCH

Our Saviour's Lutheran congregation at Audubon, Iowa, which will be host to the 58th annual convention of the United Ev. Luth. Church, has one of the newer churches built in the synod. We believe it is the most beautiful of the churches built, and it has the best parish facilities in the synod that we know of.

In 1953 it had 1,093 baptized members. It is located in the so-called Elk Horn District. It is one of the larger churches in that region. The congregation in

Elk Horn was organized in 1875, but Audubon not before 1909.

Audubon is a thriving town of over 3,000 people.

The new church is located right at the town square, and it should prove an ideal convention place.

The present pastor is the Rev. Erhardt Nielsen.

The Convention will open Tuesday evening, June 15th, when Dr. Hans C. Jersild, president of the synod, will deliver the sermon on "The State of the Church."



Dr. Hans C. Jersild

Last Call for Convention

Please register for the convention now by writing to Mrs. E. V. Magnussen, Audubon, Iowa, to obtain free lodging.



The Rev. Erhardt Nielsen

For You and For Many

By Missionary Ella V. Hansen

While attending Conference meetings recently I took Communion. The words pronounced as I received the wine fell anew on my heart. "This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins." At once I recognized there was the answer to all the questions thrown at me during this year of furlough from mission work in India. Why did you become a missionary? Are you happy in your work? When are you going back? How are conditions in India? Does it really do any good for us to send missionaries there? Now that my September departure for a second term draws near it is good to review such inquiries and to renew one's purpose in life.

There will always be the double blessing that comes to response to God's call. To the individual it means growth in grace and experience of His love and to the many it offers hope and the alleviation of the burdens of life be they physical, social, economic, or spiritual. I, personally, think it is wonderful that God can use human beings of such common clay as ourselves to turn the world back to Himself that He may continue His Plan for mankind's fellowship with Him which was interrupted in Eden. Just because we go to heathen lands and preach His Word of the Cross and reconciliation, to know that thousands are started on that road back is the greatest thrill that can come to a Christian.

Can there be any greater happiness on earth than to serving God where He needs one?

The Psalmist asks, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" We struggle in our church to gain a few new members each year when Jesus plainly tells us to throw our nets on the right side of the boat. The side where the fish are. Today thousands of people are open to the gospel in India, Africa, Japan, Formosa, Malaya, and Latin America. Martin Luther once said, "I will sing the sweet song of the Lord and if anyone does not want to sing with me, let him howl by himself." If we, the Christians of the United States, do not feel concerned and are not engaged in all out effort to share Christ today in lands across the seas we must well expect to be howling by ourselves tomorrow. Communism is awake to its opportunities. Where are the Christian youth trained in various professions who are being called to live for Christ abroad and to serve in business, industrial, government, and mission fields? What happens to the Christian who goes to these posts? What happens to the Christian who goes to these posts? What happens to the unsaved who has not heard is eternally important. We are being called to live dangerously and we dare not shirk. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" In these days we need to be busy doing God's will as ambassadors of lasting Peace and in our doing we will ourselves be saved.

THE NEVES OFF TO AMERICA

By Paul C. Johnsen

Just a week ago, Sunday evening, May 9, a group of us missionaries here in Japan stood out at the Hanada International Airport, outside Tokyo, to bid our friends Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd Neve and family Godspeed on their journey back to the United States. After spending a month traveling through interesting places including the Holy Land and several countries in Europe, these world travelers expect to arrive back home in time to attend our UELC Convention at Audubon, Iowa.

Lloyd brings with him four "strangers" as far as our church in America is concerned. But we are sure that his wife Muriel, together with the children, Kai, Rachael, and Nina will soon be most welcome friends.

It is our desire that the people in our Churches back home will take advantage of their opportunity to hear Lloyd and Muriel speak about Japan. Those who had the privilege to hear Dr. Inadomi recently and also Miss Winther last year heard much about Japan. Japan deserves much attention in these times. Lloyd has written various articles and stories on the religious,

social and political situation in Japan. These articles have been well received both in Japan and in America. The message the Neves will bring will be another fresh approach to the problems and life of the people in this land.

To speak well about a friend and co-worker is a difficult thing to do. But it is still easier when the facts that I write are all equally acclaimed by all who know Lloyd and Muriel here in Japan. I have heard many missionaries even outside our Lutheran Church say readily that Lloyd is one of the most active young missionaries in Japan. Joyce and I who are just "beginners" here in Japan can say proudly that we belong to the same Church as the Neves.

Our friends are on their way home. We will miss them here in Japan. But it is our earnest prayer that their witness to our Church at home will be received in the spirit it is brought. The need for Christian workers in Japan is great. The need for understanding the present day situation in Japan by the people at home is equally great. Pray for Missionary Neve and family as they wing homeward to America.

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Colombia Explains Closing of Protestant Schools

Bogota—Colombia's Minister of Education said here that five Protestant schools on San Andres and Providencia islands had been closed because they taught the English language and history and geography of the United States instead of the Spanish language and Colombian history.

Manuel Mosquera Garces gave explanation for the closure of the schools on March 1 by the government. Director of schools there following a statement by President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla that he had ordered the reopening of the schools.

President Rojas made the announcement after a delegation of islanders met with him and asked that the islanders' measure be revoked.

The education minister said the government did not disapprove the teaching of English but insisted that Spanish be taught.

He added that although the agreement between Colombia and the Vatican forbids the operation of non-Catholic schools in Roman Catholic missionary territory, "such as the San Andres and Providencia islands," the five schools would be reopened "provided they comply with the general regulations."

The education minister also disputed a claim made by the islanders that the schools of San Andres and Providencia were predominantly Protestant and had been so for generations and that before the islands cannot be regarded as Catholic missionary territory.

The claim was made in a petition filed in April by San Andres and Providencia Protestants to the Ministry of Education requesting the reopening of the five schools. President Rojas had been urged by the Protestant delegation which visited him to recognize the petition.

Mosquera said the islands' population comprised 2,060 Catholics, 2,685 Protestants, and 2,483 pagans. He added that the majority of children attending the official schools (Catholic) are Protestant.

San Andres and Providencia islands are about 150 miles off the coast of Colombia but belong to Colombia.

Senate Approves 'Under God' Pledge

Washington, D.C.—A resolution that the words "under God" be added to the pledge of allegiance to the flag was unanimously approved by the Senate.

The Senate acted soon after receiving a favorable report from its judiciary committee recommending passage of the proposal sponsored by Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.).

A similar resolution sponsored by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D-Mich.) is pending before the House Judiciary Committee and is expected to be reported to the floor soon.

Sen. Ferguson's resolution was amended in the Senate to make it conform with the House's version. The Senate specified that the words "under God" should follow "one nation" rather than the word "indivisible" as suggested by Sen. Ferguson.

As amended, the Pledge of Allegiance would read:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

LWR Ranks as Fourth Largest Distributor of Surplus Food

New York—Lutheran World Relief, material aid agency of the National Lutheran Council, ranked fourth among seventeen religious and secular groups in distribution of government donated United States surplus foods to refugees and other needy of the world during the year ending April 30, 1954.

This was revealed here in the quarterly report of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, which said that together the agencies distributed more than 179 million pounds of surplus dry milk, butter, and cheese valued at more than \$59,500,000.

The report, which was based on Department of Agriculture figures, said Lutheran World Relief shipped 12,935,000 pounds of dry milk, 3,600,000 pounds of butter, and 1,550,000 pounds of cheese for distribution through its overseas channels.

Of the total donated by the government, more than 155 million pounds or 87 per cent was distributed by Protes-

tant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish religious agencies, the report said. The value of the food gifts shipped by these agencies exceeded \$52 million.

Urges Churches Erect Buildings Near Schools

Richmond, Va.—A Virginia Protestant leader proposed here that within the next 25 years churches of the state construct buildings near public schools to teach religion on the released-time plan.

Dr. Minor C. Miller, executive secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, said such buildings also could be used for cooperative church activities.

Arrangements could be made with Roman Catholic and Jewish parents who "might want to make similar use of the structures," he added.

Dr. Miller made the proposal to nearly 1,700 Protestants attending a Virginia Convocation of Churches under the Council's sponsorship.

He said the churches must develop and supervise a "comprehensive system of Christian education" for all of Virginia's youth. This program, he added, must include Sunday, vacation and weekday church schools in order to "make a united approach to the problem of winning unchurched persons into church fellowship."

Lutherans First with Aid As Spring Floods Hit Iraq

Baghdad—The first relief supplies contributed by a voluntary agency to reach the scene of a flood disaster here which left a half-million homeless and virtually isolated Iraq's capital city in early April were gifts made available by the Lutheran World Federation.

The emergency was caused by swollen, rain-fed waters of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers which inundated the Mesopotamian plain. Melting snows from mountains in Eastern Turkey and Northern Iraq added to the rising levels of the two rivers, legendary boundaries of the Garden of Eden.

When news of the flood's proportions reached the LWF's Near East Branch in Jerusalem, Dr. Edwin Moll, director, sent his assistant, Mr. H. Melikian, to offer to the Iraqi government some 88 tons of clothing, bedding, milk powder, cheese and flour from LWF stocks in Beirut and Jerusalem.

The LWF's offer of aid to the flood victims was gratefully accepted by the Iraqi government, and news of the church agency's gesture was immediately broadcast by Iraqi stations and reported in the nation's newspapers.

Three truckloads of clothing and bedding, representing 20 tons of gifts from American Christians through Lutheran World Relief, arrived in Baghdad on April 15, where they were distributed under the supervision of Mr. Melikian, an Arab Christian. (Gifts of milk and cheese included surplus commodities given to LWF by the U.S. Government.)

Mr. Melikian flew to Baghdad, and described it from the air like "an island, with one main street leading to it from the west." He said some 3,000,000 acres of some of the world's richest farmland had been covered by a lake forming north and east of the city, inundating 150 to 200 square miles, with damage losses expected to reach \$280,000,000. More than 10,000 homes and huts in Baghdad had either been washed away or submerged, he reported.

N.C. Lutherans to Launch Race Relations Education Program

Greensboro, N. C. — Launching of a program to educate its white congregations on race relations problems and at the same time foster the formation of Negro congregations was decided upon by the North Carolina Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America at its 150th annual convention here.

The action was taken in unanimously adopting a report by the Synod's commission on Negro work despite opinions expressed by some of the clergymen that the report did not

"clearly face the issue" of segregation.

The report said that the Synod is "interested in doing work among the people of the Negro race but it is not yet ready or willing to pay the full price and accept the full responsibilities which attend such a program."

"We are of the opinion," the commission said, "that our people have not been educated to all the implications of, nor are they spiritually prepared for, all of these steps at this time. This fact stands as a judgment upon us and should spur us to greater activity to remove these conditions."

Catholic Membership in U.S. Now 31,648,424

New York—There are now 31,648,424 Roman Catholics in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii, an increase of 1,223,409 in the last year.

The figures were reported in the Official Catholic Directory for 1954, just published here by P. J. Kenedy & Sons.

For the eighth straight year, the number of adult baptisms, or converts to Catholicism, passed the 100,000 mark. Converts numbered 116,696 in 1953, bringing the total in the last 10 years to 1,097,771.

During the year, there were 1,094,872 infant baptisms, an increase of 17,688 over 1952.

The Church in the U.S. now has 26 archdioceses, 105 dioceses and one Vicariate Apostolic, that of Alaska. One new archdiocese, Hartford, Conn., and two new dioceses, Bridgeport and Norwich, Conn., were created during 1953.

For the first time, the number of members of the hierarchy has passed the 200 mark. There are now four cardinals, 31 archbishops and 167 bishops.

Three of the bishops were elevated since the Directory went to press are not listed.

Largest archdioceses are those of Chicago, which has a Catholic population of 1,815,976; Boston, 1,426, New York, 1,361,170; Philadelphia, 1,250,469; Newark, 1,123,607, and Detroit, 1,075,000.

Brooklyn, with 1,443,848 Catholics, continues as the largest diocese. Pittsburgh, with 720,166, is the second largest and Buffalo, with 695,412, is third.

Professed religious persons include 8,691 lay brothers and 154,055 sisters. Full-time teaching staffs of all Catholic educational institutions increased during 1953 by 4.16 per cent to a total of 123,015.

The number of parishes with resident pastors rose 132 to a record 1,644. In addition, there are 750 parishes without resident clergy.

A record total of 33,448 candidates for the priesthood, 756 more than a year ago, was recorded. Enrollment in Catholic colleges and universities totaled 210,920, some 11,990 more than in 1952.

The Directory further showed a record increase of 180,060 more full-time pupils in Catholic elementary and high schools. In all, 5,900,569 American youth are receiving Catholic instruction. Of these, 1,946,143 are public school children who attend special religious classes under the release program.

Eight new institutions brought the number of Catholic general hospitals to 790 and increased the number of beds to 123,935. There are now 1,814 special hospitals. In all, 8,147,848 patients were treated in Catholic hospitals in 1953.

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have also had a slight loss in subscribers. We do hope that our good congregations will not start to reduce by discontinuing the Church Paper in Every Home Plan. We are sure they will regret it. It is of great value when you take new members into the congregation, that they at once are added to the list of readers. In that way they become part of the whole synodical family. The Ansgar Lutheran reports 11,736 prepaid subscriptions.

The Danish paper, *Luthersk Ugeblad*, is fighting for its existence. It reports 1,362 subscribers. But its net loss was only \$2,160.76.

The Little Lutheran also had a loss the past year. It lost 500 subscribers and its deficit was \$1,718.26.

The Joint Commission on the Common Hymnal reports that it hopes to have the new hymnbook ready for Advent, 1955. It contains 605 hymns and about 625 tunes.

The W.M.S. of the Synod reports that it had total receipts for the past year of \$11,627.10. The greater part of the money was spent on foreign missions.

The Dana College Foundation is an organization with members scattered here and there in the synod. Its purpose is to create interest in the College

and to gather money which may be spent where most needed. This organization raised \$5,970.80 the past year. Most of the gifts this year have been used in the general operating budget.

The Board of Parish Education suggests that the Sunday Schools launch an Evangelism Effort this fall with the Sunday Schools getting into full swing.

Luther Posters "Beheaded" At German Film Theaters

Karlsruhe, Germany. On the morning after the "Martin Luther" premiere here, posters announcing the film were found "beheaded" all over the city, according to Evangelists.

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The One-Seminary Concept and the New Church

Prof. Theo. I. Jensen, Blair, Nebr.

In a recent issue of *The Ansgar Lutheran* comment made about the almost complete silence in our church relation to the suggested plan of union for the proposed merger. Editor Jensen thinks it is a sign that all are satisfied. That is probably generally true. I have to meet someone who will not concede that the Joint Union Committee has done an excellent piece of work.

It is probably unsafe, however, to suppose that the conspicuous scarcity of comment is indicative of complete agreement—which of course would be more than anyone would have right to expect. When hardly a word has been raised publicly in objection to any detail in the plan of union it could possibly be due to our being overawed by the feeling that the Joint Union Committee comprising church presidents, seminary heads, theologians, pastors, leading laymen—thirty-six of them—undoubtedly has spoken wisely.

At the risk of being thought a fool rushing in where angels fear to tread, I should like to make a few comments on the opening sentence in Article V under the Division of Education. It reads: "The concept of one theological seminary for the church body shall prevail." Among with others I know of I have given this idea a great deal of thought. It is natural to wonder just what the Union Committee may have in mind when it suggests that there be only one theological seminary in the new church.

Is it a device for hastening the amalgamation of the several synodical traditions represented in the merged body? As suggested by Editor Malmin in an article reprinted in a recent issue of *The Ansgar Lutheran*, I suspect it would serve that purpose rather well. But I doubt that that is the reason for the recommendation.worthy as it may be in itself to make the merger real and complete as quickly as possible, the Union Committee would, I am sure, be motivated at this point by a desire to extend higher than that.

Is the one-seminary plan suggested in the interest of administrative efficiency perchance? If that be the reason, it probably is a good plan. But then, we ask, why not the same sort of arrangement for the colleges of the church? Since that plan is not suggested for the colleges, I suspect that the Committee has something in mind other than "American efficiency" when it proposes that there shall be only one seminary.

One can think of only one other possible answer: a desire for insuring that the theology which we now have shall be perpetuated. If we believe that we have a good theology—which we do—we naturally want to preserve it, and the Committee is to be commended for its manifest concern in this matter. As a device for guaranteeing the perpetuation of a given kind of theology the pro-

posed plan is pretty good. Given a strong Board of Regents there is probably nothing more effective for assuring ourselves that coming generations will think and believe pretty nearly as we do.

On second thought, however, it may not be quite so good as one would at first think. You see, there is always the possibility that the board of control may in the course of time come to reflect a different shade of theological opinion. If that should happen—and it has happened often—we would find ourselves in the ironical situation where a device created to safeguard one type of theology actually promotes another type.

I have just read again some history of philosophical and theological systems. An interesting observation on such reading is that hardly any of these systems is completely wrong. But neither is a single one of them an absolutely correct and adequate presentation of the truth. Every human system has one weak point in its structure. Every system which does not recognize this and its constant need of correction and completion by what others have seen and experienced of the truth almost invariably proceeds to make itself absolute. Break-down follows inevitably sooner or later. That's the witness of history.

For practical reasons a small church body is not able to operate more than one theological seminary, and usually does not need more, theologically speaking. Because it is small it cannot afford to wall itself off in theological isolation, and is therefore constantly being corrected and completed through influence from surrounding schools of thought. However, a church body as large as the proposed merged church can well maintain more than one well staffed and equipped theological school. Not only is it possible; it is also, I believe, highly desirable. History tells us that when a church becomes large and strong it is tempted to make itself and its theology absolute for the simple reason that it has the resources with which to do it. An insurance against that possibility in the new church is that the theological education be not concentrated in one institution.

I would agree that a half dozen seminaries are too many, but the radical alternative proposed by the Union Committee is, I believe, even less desirable. How many there should be I am not prepared to suggest. It is my conviction, however, that the kind of theology we all want in our theological seminaries and our church, vital Lutheran theology, is hammered out through the process of criticism and correction of what has been delivered to us, a process assured only where two or more comparatively independent faculties engage in serious biblical and theological research.

The Beloved Gentlewoman of the Dana College Faculty Retires from Full Time Teaching

By Norman C. Bansen



Nellie F. Falk

At the close of the spring semester, after twenty-nine years of service as a member of the Dana College faculty, Miss Nellie F. Falk, head of the Department of English, retired from full time teaching.

Last Sunday, at the early worship service in Blair's First Lutheran Church, I saw Miss Falk seated in the pew in front of me. She was dressed handsomely in navy blue and white. I asked myself, "Can it be that this alert lady is retiring this year?" The answer had to be negative. For Miss Falk there can be no complete retirement. She is already making plans to prepare a term paper manual that will incorporate the best features of several manuals now available. Many have expressed the hope that she will teach at least one course in the English department during the coming years.

While Miss Falk can be numbered among the pioneer professors at Dana, today's students find that she is anything but a person who lives in the past. When I came to Dana as a student in 1939 there was in the Old Main library a photograph of the faculty of 1910-1912. There for the first time I saw a picture of Miss Falk: Seated among the august pioneers—P. S. Vig, N. P. Lang, and others—was an attractive young lady in a long black dress. The lady was Miss Falk, who had recently been graduated from Augustana College in her native state of Illinois. During the period from 1910 to 1932 Miss Falk was a member of the Dana faculty for a total of nineteen years. Graduate study during those years led, in 1925, to the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Michigan. In 1932 she left the teaching profession temporarily to care for her aging parents.

Let no one think that this pioneer teacher has not kept pace with literary developments! Summer session courses at the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin have reached impressive credit-hour totals for her. Miss Falk has attended many a national convention of professors in her field. This continued through the school year just ended when she travelled to Chicago and St. Louis to attend conventions. Activities of that

type, together with wide reading, make it possible for Miss Falk to discuss with equal ease Shakespeare, Christopher Fry, Spenser or Dylan Thomas. It is a pleasant experience to hear a student of this generation say, with a gleam in his eyes, "Miss Falk really makes Shakespeare live!"

Miss Falk has prepared standardized English tests that are in use throughout the United States. Her writing has appeared in **Christmas Chimes** and other publications. In 1949 her poems and stories were published in booklet form by Lutheran Publishing House. At the college Miss Falk has been advisor to both the **Danian** and **Sower** staffs. In spite of a busy teaching schedule, she has found time to sponsor oratorical and declamatory contests in recent years.

Not far from the foot of College Hill there is a pleasant cottage. There Miss Falk will retire to work on projects that she has assigned to herself. Here former students will visit her and find a warm welcome and no doubt, coffee and perhaps a slice of the delicious pie which is one of her specialties, for Miss Falk is as adept with the mixing spoon as with the pen!

I met Miss Falk for the first time in 1946 when I returned from army service to enroll as a senior at Dana. She had returned to the college in 1944 to head the Department of English. I came to know her as a teacher who had high standards in the classroom, but who was also kind and thoughtful. I discovered the truth of the statement made by Goethe: "A teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows on rows of natural objects, classified with name and form."

During the summer of 1947 we were both students at the University of Minnesota summer session. There were other Danians there, too, and frequently we met for lunch. With a briefcase full of books, Miss Falk would arrive on the scene keeping pace with many younger graduate students and as energetic as the youngest in our group.

During the year just past, I have been teaching in the department which Miss Falk heads. I have high regard for Miss Falk as a professor and great respect for her as a fellow student at summer session. Now I can truthfully say that the experience of teaching in the same department has been the most pleasant of all. It is difficult to find words that will express my appreciation adequately, so I shall quote the tribute that appeared on the dedication page of **The Danian** in 1925: "almost thirty years have only succeeded in strengthening the truth of the statement:

"To Miss Nellie Falk—teacher, counsellor, friend, one who for many years has loyally, faithfully and cheerfully served our Alma Mater; one who has helped to perpetuate the true spirit of Dana, that of a Christian institution; we, the Senior Class of 1925, do respectfully and gratefully present this Book."

Our Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen, Viborg, South Dakota

Special Projects

At the last Annual business meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions the following resolution was passed: THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS. HOWEVER, WE URGE OUR CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR AUXILIARIES RATHER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL BUDGETS OF OUR MISSIONS. There are several reasons for the adoption of this resolution. The main reason is that we do not receive sufficient funds to meet the running expenses on the mission fields such as salaries for missionaries and other helpers, rent, money for travel, books, etc. The Board always knows where the money is needed. So it helps a great deal if contributions are made to the budgets of each mission rather than to special projects.

The Protestant churches of Japan hope to double their membership by 1959, when Japanese Protestantism will observe its centenary. Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, has undertaken a speaking tour of Japan in behalf of the Protestant Centenary campaign.

—Lutheran Standard.

Argentina to Study Mission Activity

Argentina's President Peron has named a commission to investigate whether Protestant missionaries are endangering the national defense along the frontiers, and in special security zones. The commission will be empowered to: Recommend outright suppression of any missions it considers undesirable. Suggest means for keeping control of all missionary activities along the borders and in other areas considered important to national security. Recommend converting some Protestant mission schools to rural or agricultural schools.

There are about 311,000 Protestants among the 17,000,000 inhabitants of Argentina. Roman Catholicism is the official state religion. The major Protestant mission activity in the country is carried on by the Methodist, Southern Baptist, United Lutheran, and Disciples of Christ Churches. However, many smaller non-Catholic groups also are actively engaged in mission work.

—Presbyterian Life

One Man's Experience

A Christian worker gave the following as his tribute to the power of God's Word to change a man:

"While I was a Hindu I tried every way to stamp out Christianity from my village. But the power of Christ took hold of me and now, as a Christian Catechist, I have become zealous in the opposite direction. It happened after I read the New Testament. I had been reading Hindu religious books. They left me unsatisfied. Somehow I stumbled upon the Christian Bible. This stirred new longings in my heart.

"I talked with my friend who, years before, had become a worker in the Christian Church. He seemed to be so happy in his work and so fortunate in all things. He brought me to a Christian pastor. After a period of instruction under him, I was determined to become a Christian. I told my wife and children all I learned.

"When I was baptized, my children were baptized with me, but my wife did not at first consent to join us. One year later she also became a Christian. She said her heart was changed by our daily devotions with Bible reading and prayer, and by my own evident joy in the Christian Faith."

—Selected

Note from Sudan:

In his report for 1953 the mission chairman on the field, Missionary Pilgaard-Pedersen, speaks of 1953 as a good year. Approximately 600 adults were baptized and 375 children from Christian homes were baptized.

The united Sudan Mission consists of five different missions. After considerable discussion they are now about to unite in a federation. Each mission will maintain its autonomy. The aim and purpose of the federation will be advisory to the missions and to present a united front to forces outside the missions. No one knows how long the missionaries will be permitted to preach the gospel in Sudan. It is therefore of the utmost importance to prepare the African church for self-propagation.

Progress is being made in raising the standards for teachers. Four native pastors are faithfully serving the Lord. And prospects are that several more may be ordained in 1954.

The mission still suffers from a shortage of missionaries. During 1953 five main stations were without missionaries.

During the past few years the mission has attempted definite work to relieve the misery of leprosy. Several colonies have been established for lepers.

The future work of the mission is uncertain. Nationalism is developing very fast. Northern Nigeria may soon have limited autonomy. It will be Mohammedan. What will that mean to the mission? Work "While it is day: The night comes when no man can work."

He Read All Night

The pioneer missionary, effective above all others, is the Bible itself. A missionary was sent into New Mexico, where he labored for a short time and left, believing his work to be a failure. One night, however, he had given a copy of the Bible to his host in a small adobe house. He went on his way and years later another missionary found in that place an active congregation organized and led by the recipient of the Bible. Unlike most of his neighbors the man could read. The book fascinated him. He read all night, until, in his

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The LUTHER LEAGUES

"My Son, Give Me Thine Heart"

A MESSAGE TO LEAGUERS AT A RALLY IN
WESTBROOK, MAINE

Proverbs 23:26

It is indeed a privilege for me to share with you tonight a word from the Lord. It is further a privilege to be able to call to your attention an invitation from God. In the 23rd chapter of the Book of Proverbs we find this verse; "My Son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." This verse, like many other verses in Scripture is an expression of God's love for us. The first thing we want to consider is the words of address—"My son." These words recall to mind the scene of a loving father meeting his son for a heart to heart talk. The father places his hand upon the shoulder of his son. There is present the deep concern over a wayward act, or possibly wayward acts, the possibility of going astray. I suppose most people have at one time or another experienced a father's expression of concern but treated it as meddling in what they considered their own affairs. It may have been the hour set for a return from a date, it might have been regarding the company we keep. It may have been regarding church, choir, or Luther League. I can hear thoughts speak louder than words. 'Pop just doesn't understand, twelve o'clock, that's for a square.' I suppose there is not a parent present who has not at one time or another felt this way, but now when they have children they realize the deep love that lay behind those parental restrictions and admonitions. Young people! God has taken you off to one side and says; "My son, give Me your heart." God does not want you to waste your affections on anyone other than Himself. You think that is queer? What about the girl I love, should I not give her my heart? No! That is the tragic mistake of youth today. Surely we are to love and be loved, but not to the exclusion of our first love, God. "My son, give Me thine heart." God does not want us to experience the heartache that comes of having given an affection to someone that leaves Him out. Let me illustrate in a crude way. Young people need to have social fellowship in order that they may mature, meet and select a life mate. This is wonderful and as it ought to be. However, all too frequently our dating steps in between us and our fellowship and service to God. We become so busy, taken up with our human heart throb, that we neglect our first love, our Bible reading, our service through the church, yea even our zeal to tell the old, old story. The Saturday night date frequently gets so late that we do not get up for Sunday feeding on the Word, and we begin to neglect our date with God. The thought comes to mind, we all like to hear words of endearment, and we look forward to our dates because

our beloved speaks to us, tells us of his or her love, we feel wanted, we feel important. God speaks: "My Son, give Me thine heart." God says He wants to be our beloved, He wants to tell us of His love, He wants us to know He understands and cares. Yea, He says: "My Son" as personal as Mary when she says to John: "Johnny Dear." God's Word to us today is a personal Word; it is not a word to "my children," but a word direct to each of us personally. We referred before to these words picturing a loving father in a heart to heart talk; it seems every time our parents have something to say to us in a very special and urgent sense, they take us off into a private nook, and then begin personally, "my son." God speaks in personal tones to each of us. He does not say all those who desire to give their heart, raise their hand. He does not say, "Johnny, you know Jimmy gave Me his heart, why don't you?" No. God comes to each of us and says, "My son, give Me your heart." This is not a matter for someone else to decide for you. It is not a matter for mother or dad to decide. Each of us alone in the presence of God, hears God's proposal. This is a real important question, it is a vital response. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we read these words: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart." When God is in possession of our heart He, in a sense, controls the fruits which it bears. We may liken our heart to a garden plot which is let out by us. When we let our heart out to worldly loves, it brings forth fruits of evil. But when we give our heart to God, He plants a garden which brings forth fruits of the Spirit—peace, joy, love, meekness and all virtues. Dear friends, it matters to whom you give your heart. Have you heard God's voice of concern for you, His beloved? Have you given to God your first love? Are you in personal fellowship with God? Are you keeping your dates with God?

The second half of our verse from Proverbs is: "and let thine eyes observe my ways." Each time I drive through a city at night, my eyes are drawn by the lights flashing to observe the ways of the people. Each time I walk down the street, people call attention to their ways—the drunk who staggers, the teen-agers in queer clothing, the happy teen-age Christians enjoying life in a simple walk together down the street; the elderly lady as she hesitates to cross the street; the sophisticate painted beyond recognition, beyond revealing any beauty whatsoever. In each of these, I observe a way of life. The drunk trying through the bottle to es-

HOMER LARSEN, Editor

cape reality; a life being wasted in the practice of trying to drown life's problems. The teen-agers in queer clothing to call attention to themselves being braced up with clothing to make up for a feeling of being neglected. The gay teen-agers carefree and happy, satisfied with themselves because of their fellowship with God, enjoying the small things of life, the simple and the pure. The elderly lady, hesitant in a confused situation. She does not seem to know what the whole situation is about. The sophisticate tries to hide her real self and does a mighty poor job of it. She puts on a front and kids herself into thinking—how can anyone know? God says: "Let thine eyes observe My ways." We are requested of God not to follow the ways of man, the ways of the world. The world says: "Enjoy yourself, it is later than you think." The world says be a man or woman of distinction, just one glass, one cocktail and then pulls the curtain so that you do not observe the broken homes, the unwanted children, the derelict a slave to alcohol. This picture is repeated over and over again in other areas where God is left out. The world says it is grown-up to smoke but draws the curtain on its habit formation, its tremendous cost. We could go on endlessly here. The hot rod driver is trying to make an impression. When I see a hot rod driver impressing his girl friend, I feel like saying to the girl: "Is that what you want for a mate—a mask." To the boy: "Why don't you be yourself, you won't have to keep up the masquerade after." Yea, the world calls us to observe its ways, but always shows us only a censored feature. God says: "Let thine eyes observe My ways." We need to observe the way that leads to life abundant. We need to give diligence lest we forget to observe God's way in His Holy Word. My greatest concern is that young people, after confirmation, neglect to observe God's way. They apparently are blinded by the little knowledge they receive. The best way to lose that which we have is to think we have reached the zenith. The best way to fall out of fellowship with God is to think we know the path so well that we turn out the light of God's Word. I remember the story told of a man who knew his house so well that when he came in at night he never turned on a light. One night he came in and tripped over a chair, fell against a table, and required six weeks in a hospital because his wife was housecleaning. The world is always housecleaning, we cannot afford to trust in past observations of the world to keep us in God's ways. We need the light of God's Word burning lest we stumble and fall. The ways of God are unto righteousness, truth, peace and hope. The ways of God are everlasting. They provide purpose, direction, and meaning to an otherwise crazy, mixed up world. Observe the ways of God and know that life is more than food and body more than raiment. Observe the ways of God and know that only One whose attention and af-

fection are worth getting, understands, cares, and has shown His love and mercy to be sufficient unto thee. Observe the ways of God and know the way to distinction, to success, is to lose ourselves in Him who asks of us today and each day: "My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways." It is good advice, isn't it? It's eternal advice, heed it! Amen.

Pastor Philip Nieft, Worcester, Mass.

Our Bible Camps

Atlantic District

Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. —July 3-10

Wisconsin District

Spencer Lake, Minn. —July 18-24

Minnesota District

Luther Point Bible Camp, Wood Lake, Grantsburg, Wis. —June 6-12

Children's Bible Camp —Aug. 8-14 and Aug. 15-21

Iowa District

Lake Okoboji

Junior Camp —July 25-31

Senior Camp —Aug. 8-15

Family Camp —Aug. 15-21

Nebraska District

Luther League Camp, Covenant Cedars Bible Camp, Hordville, Nebraska —Aug. 16-22

Children's Bible Camp, Polk, Nebraska —June 27-July 3

Pacific District

Camp Seeley, Crestline, Calif.

Family Week —July 24-31

Senior Week —July 31-Aug. 7

Junior Week —Aug. 7-14

Sierra Bible Camp (NLC), Forest Home Conf. Grounds —June 19-26

West Canada District

Sylvan Lake Bible Camp, Alberta

Family Week —July 12-18

Youth Week —July 19-25

Covenant Heights Bible Camp

Estes Park, Colorado —Aug. 23-29

BY THE FIRESIDE

MY FATHER

Who paid the bills when I was born?
Who took short lunch to work next
morn?

Who had to wear clothes old and
torn?

My Father.

Who used to hold me on his knee?
Who read of Mother Goose to me?
Who told of things that used to be?

My Father.

Who fixed the playthings that I
broke?
Who made my troubles seem a joke?
Who eased my pain when'er he
spoke?

My Father.

Who helped me with school work at
night?

Who acted as a Beacon Light

To lead me up the path of Right?

My Father.

A man the world may fail to rate
Among the great men of the state
But who will pass through Heaven's
gate—

My Father.

When Youth is gone, I hope to show
Some glimmer or a tiny glow
That those who live near me will
know

My Father.

—Harry L. Norton

A PRAYER IN VERSE

Saviour, I come to Thee
In humble simplicity,
Knowing Thou dost hear my cry
For Thy forgiving love.

Thou dost know and understand
My human weakness, and I can
Come to Thee in full assurance
Of Thy forgiving love.

I ask Thy help to make me strong
And to show to others I belong
To Thee and want to do Thy will
Because of Thy eternal love.

To Thee dear Lord I come
To ask Thy forgiveness for work
undone,
That I a better Christian be
For Thy forgiving love.

I now surrender all to Thee
Because Thy love has made me free,
Free to do Thy will, what 'er betide,
Because of Thy forgiving love.

Bessie Tozer

LITTLE THINGS

God give me strength for little things,
Teach me to know
That those who may stay serve, as
well

As those who go.

Grant me Thy gentleness, that no
Sharp word or deed

Shall cause one spark of wrath to
flare,

One heart to bleed.

Send wisdom, that I may not sit

Dreaming too late,

But do the tasks of every day
And know them great.
And give Thy love, that all my life
May live on wings
Of service glad. God, give me strength
For little things.

Virginia Wilson

THE MOST JOYFUL THING IN THE WORLD

To repent is to adopt God's view-
point in place of your own. There
need not be any sorrow about it. In
itself, far from being sorrowful, it is
the most joyful thing in the world,
because when you have done it you
have adopted the viewpoint of truth
itself and you are in fellowship with
God. It means a complete revaluation
of all things we are inclined to think
good. The world, as we live in it, is
like a shop window in which some
mischievous person has got overnight
and shifted all the price-labels round;
so that the cheap things have the high
price-labels on them, and the really
precious things are priced low. We let
ourselves be taken in. Repentance
means getting those price-labels back
in the right place.

From **The Wisdom of William Tem-
ple:** An Anthology. Mowbrays

KEEPING HER TROUBLES TOGETHER

A hard-working woman of ready
help and abundant sympathy for the
troubled, lately gave her recipe for
cheerfulness.

"Why, it's no credit to me. It's

only that I have got in the habit of
having all my uncomfortable feelings
at one time. Mornings, after my hus-
band has started off, I do the break-
fast dishes; and if there's anything
worrying me I just attend to it then.
If I don't get it thought out then, it
has to go till the next day. You select
a few minutes like that, in the early
morning, when you are fresh, and do
up your worries for the day, and
you'll find it's the easiest thing in the
world to keep cheerful the rest of
the time and be ready to attend to
other folks' troubles." —Unknown.

EXAMS REVEAL CHOICE 'BONERS'

Correcting examination papers at a
large university is not all dull routine.
Now and then, the professors come
across some choice "boners."

Here are some gathered in a survey
by the **Daily Californian**, student pub-
lication of the University of Californ-
ia.

"The dome of St. Clement's is sup-
ported by 8 peers all of which are
unfortunately cracked."

"Browning wrote principally hero-
ic cutlets."

"Shakespeare lived at Windsor with
his merry wives."

"A spinster is a bachelor's wife."

"The object of 'he is she.'"

"William Tell shot an arrow
through an apple while standing on
his son's head."

"The opposite of pessimist is biga-
mist."

"A grass widow is the wife of a
vegetarian."

"The Mediterranean and the Red
Sea are connected by the Sewage
canal."

Last year, a pair of Alabama deer
hunters were sorely disappointed to
find that their favorite guide had de-
serted them to serve visiting fisher-
men instead. "What's the matter?
Don't you like hunters?" one of them
asked.

"Like 'em first rate."

"Do fishermen pay more?"

"Nope."

"Then what's the idea of taking up
with them?"

"Friend," the veteran woodsman
replied. "I just got plumb tired of
being shot at for a deer. So fur, ain't
nobody mistook me for a fish."

OUR FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

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own words, just as the sun was rising in the sky the sun of righteousness was rising in his heart. From his experience of that night came his conversion, his skill as a winner of souls and as a leader of a congregation. In

later years he urged his grandson to enter the ministry. The boy did so, and after serving in New Mexico was called to California, where he was the means of converting a man who became pastor of one of the largest Mexican churches in that state. He also led into the ministry several young men who are serving as leaders today.

—The Word of Life

NEWS AND NOTES

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Pressedienst, official news bulletin of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Describing the acts of vandalism as an example of utter intolerance, the church news agency said the head of Martin Luther had been torn and cut out of the film posters at theaters and on street billboards.

However, it added, the box office of the theater at which the Martin Luther film is shown "tells an entirely different story"; during its first week here the film was seen by 18,000.

This meant that the theater had on the average been filled to 98 per cent of its total seating capacity, a record rarely achieved here, Pressedienst said.

Estimates of how many people had seen "Martin Luther" in West Germany until the last week of April ranged up to 600,000, the report added.

Lutherans of India Bid Danish King to Anniversary

Geneva, Switzerland. Arrangements for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Lutheran mission work in South India has been started by the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, it was announced here by the Rev. Fridtjov Birkeli, new director of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Missions.

He said that the veteran Swedish mission bishop Dr. Johannes Sandegren, head of the Tamil Church, has arrived in Europe to present formal invitation from the Lutheran churches in India for the January 1956 celebration.

Among those invited are members of the Danish royal family as well as Lutheran church leaders from all over the world, Mr. Birkeli said.

He added that the Lutheran World Federation will mark the event by holding an executive committee meeting at Tranquebar, center of the celebrations, in January, 1956. It will be the first session of the LWF executive committee in Asia.

The invitation to the Danish King and his family has been extended because it was under the sponsorship of the then Danish-Norwegian king that the first Lutheran mission to South

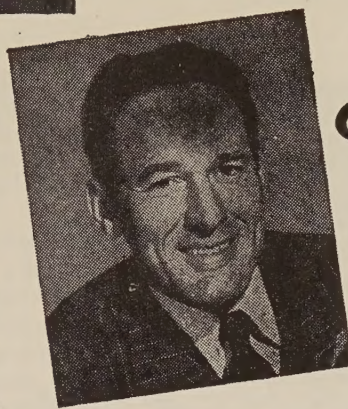
India was started in 1706, Mr. Birkeli explained. Tranquebar was at that time under the rule of the king.

The mission started in 1706 by two German missionaries, Ziegenbalg and Plutschau, was, according to Mr. Birkeli, the first Protestant mission out-

side the Western world and laid the ground for "what later became known as the modern missionary movement."

"Faithful work through 250 years has resulted in an autonomous Tamil

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ONLY Time
WILL Tell

When we are young, and our earnings small, we may feel we cannot afford life insurance.

But to delay is to pass up a golden opportunity. For while youth may penalize us in income, it has special advantages when it comes to life insurance. Rates are far lower at this time. Responsibilities are not competing so strongly for each dollar we make. And we are more certain of passing medical requirements.

So now is the time to start planning that you will be sure to have enough income after 65 to make YOUR added years, happy years - years of enjoyable "LIVING."

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pen- sion Fund
Previously acknowledged	2256.43	127.66	1052.25	309.00	298.15	104.05		365.32
Poy Sippi, Wis., Sunday School of First Engl. Luth. Church for Elim Home, Elk Horn, Ia.	14.00	14.00						
Bone Lake, Wis., St. Paul's Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Howard Neilson	5.00				5.00			
Dolliver, Ia., Dolliver Luth. Church	205.00	5.00	100.00	25.00	25.00			25.00
Storm Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church, refund of house rent	75.00				75.00			
Denver, Colo., First Bethany Ev. Luth. Church in memory of Hans M. Mathison	10.00				10.00			
Denver, Colo., Miss Jennie P. M. Johnson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hans M. Mathison	1.50				1.50			
Hutchinson, Minn., Main St. Luth. Church	350.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	40.00	10.00	50.00
Scranton, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Rasmussen in memory of Mrs. Christina Robertson	3.00				3.00			
Dannebrog, Nebr., Dannebrog Luth. Church	60.00		30.00		15.00			15.00
Chicago, Ill., Golgotha W.M.S. of the Illinois District in memory of Miss Bernice Rasmussen, for New Home Missions	10.00				10.00			
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	14.01			14.01				
Wilmington, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. N. Johnson in memory of their sister Arlene Hansen	3.00		3.00					
Waupaca, Ws., Trinity Luth. Brotherhood in memory of Nels Danielson	2.00				2.00			
Kankakee, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Miller in memory of James and John Petersen	2.50		2.50					
Brush, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Madsen in memory of L. H. Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen	10.00							10.00
TOTAL	3021.44	196.66	1287.75	398.01	494.65	169.05	10.00	465.32

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. Mission	Gen. Fd. Foreign Missions
Previously acknowledged	14775.48	150.59	144.59	1286.14	679.59			12439.57	75.00
Dana College, Lutheran Students' Association	100.00		100.00						
Poy Sippi, Wis., First English Luth. Church, Mission Sunday offering	42.00			42.00					
Petaluma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sontum in memory of Peder Henriksen, Grass Valley, Calif.	5.00	5.00							
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Ladies Aid	14.30		14.30						
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Sunday School	8.02	8.02							
Edmore, Mich., Rev. N. Bentsen	60.00				60.00				
Rockfield, S. Dak., St. Paul's Luth. Church	20.15							20.15	
Sidney, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Iversen for furnishings for the new church at Bogota, Colombia	25.00		25.00						
Sidney, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Iversen	25.00					25.00			
Norma, N. D., Zion Luth. Church for the L.W.A. Milk Fund	13.00							13.00	
Oakland, Calif., Peter Andersen in memory of P. Christensen	5.00							5.00	
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church, offering May 16th	410.67							410.67	
Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	16.70					16.70			
Coalridge, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andersen and Marie of Emmaus Church in memory of Matt S. Madsen	3.00							3.00	
Pacific District W.M.S., Selma Linnea Society	60.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00				
Kansas City, Kan., Westwood Luth. Church offering	200.88							200.88	
Chicago, Ill., Ladies Aid of Atonement Luth. Church for a theological student	200.00								
Los Angeles, Calif., Young Adult Group of Olivet Church	50.00							50.00	
Los Angeles, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church, offering on Mother's Day	494.32							494.32	
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Sunday School	23.45	23.45							
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School	38.50							38.50	
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	108.10							108.10	
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Sunday School	53.93							53.93	
Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church	22.95							22.95	
Westby, Mont., members of Daneville Luth. Church. The words Mr. and Mrs. are omitted to save space. Christ Madsen \$20, Roy E. Andersen \$20, George Andersen \$10, George Nelson, Chr. Holm Nelsen, Rufus Rittmeyer and Elif Andersen each \$5, Jonas J. Jensen \$4, Raymond C. Johnson and Hans B. Madsen each \$3, Carl M. Jensen and Ezra Jensen each \$2, Richard D. Johnson, Lydia Madsen, Barrett Raam and Milton Andersen each \$1. Total \$88.00	88.00							88.00	
Denver, Colo., T. M. Thomsen in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Mathison	50.00		25.00	25.00					
An anonymous giver, no name nor address	20.00				20.00				
Greenville, Mich., the Friendly Mission Circle	10.00				10.00				
Des Moines, Ia., Highland Park Luth. Church	28.75				28.75				
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Ladies Aid	26.80				26.80				
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church	146.00							146.00	
Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Ladies Aid	43.40				43.40				
Oakland, Calif., Dorcas Society of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of Peter Christensen	5.00							5.00	
Luck, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Les Prose and Mrs. Agnes Lackey in memory of Mrs. Nels Lackey, Brush, Colo.	2.00			2.00					
Kankakee, Ill., St. Ansgar Luth. Church	74.75							74.75	
Kankakee, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Miller in memory of J. T. Christiansen	2.50				2.50				
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Sunday School	181.16							181.16	
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	14.90				14.90				
Marcus, Ia., Rev. Jack Jacobsen, refund on outfit allowance	100.00				100.00				
Brush, Colo., First English Luth. Church	100.00							100.00	
Brush, Colo., Luther League Sunday School Class	30.00			15.00		15.00			
TOTAL	17698.71	402.06	323.89	1385.14	1000.94	56.70		14454.98	75.00

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIVE

	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Exten- sion Fd.
Previously acknowledged	211229.41	126504.05	84725.36
Omaha, Nebr., Miss Julia Nielsen	5.00	5.00	
Total	211234.41	126509.05	84725.36

LAUNDRY AND EQUIPMENT AT OAKS

Previously acknowledged	\$480.89
Pacific District W.M.S., Selma Linnea Society	15.00
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church Sunday School Staff	35.00
Total	\$530.89

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, May 31, 1954.

H. J. Hansen, Treasurer.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Evangelical Lutheran Church, now joining with Scandinavian and German missionaries in extending invitations to the 250th anniversary," Mr. Kirkeli said.

He added that "in today's world the anniversary will obviously be celebrated in the context of political tensions," particularly since "the ideology of marxist materialism is contending for the soul of India."

Nevertheless, he expressed confidence that the celebration will "guide the thinking of religious India" toward a more thorough evaluation of the blessings the Spirit of Christ holds for all those throughout Asia who are seeking security and peace in this restless age."

Mr. Kirkeli said that responsibilities of the state may prevent the King of Denmark from accepting the invitation, but added that "whoever may be appointed to represent the royal family will remind us all that the Christian Mission is a royal service in the truest sense of the word."

NORTH DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT
The North Dakota-Montana District Convention will be held in the Luverne Lutheran Church, Luverne, North Dakota, June 10-13 incl. Every congregation is encouraged to send a full quota of delegates. For each twenty-five members or fraction thereof, congregations are entitled to one delegate. In addition we are hoping to see many guests from all parts of the District. The convention theme will be: "The Living Church Marches On."

Pastor Edwin W. Petrusson, Pres.
Pastor Silas Larsen, Sec'y
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Thursday, 9:30 A.M.—Preliminary Business Session.

Friday, 8:00 P.M.—Mission Service meeting (Speaker is Pastor Lloyd Neve).

Introduction of new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jorgensen.

Saturday, 1:15 P.M.—Annual Business Session.

Saturday Evening—Fellowship Supper (Speaker is Mrs. Lloyd Neve).

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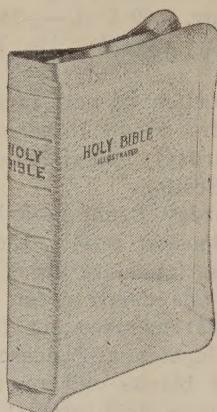
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